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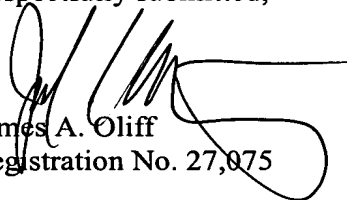
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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 2-5.

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	3	JP A 7-336905 (with abstract and translation)	12/22/1995	Japan		
	4	JP A 11-150877 (with abstract and translation)	06/02/1999	Japan		
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